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TO: Skilled Nursing Facilities for MDS Coordinators, Directors of Nursing and Administrators

SUBJECT: California MDS Nuggets May 2013 Newsletter

This All Facilities Letter (AFL) is being sent as a reminder that the California MDS Newsletters (CA MDS Nuggets) are posted on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website.

The latest issue includes the new policies for modification and inactivation of MDS 3.0 assessment records, MDS 3.0 correction instructions, coding for Quadriplegia diagnosis, and links to MDS 3.0 user's manual updates, posted in May 2013 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The May 2013 California MDS Nuggets newsletter may be accessed at the following link:
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/LnC/Documents/CAMDSNuggetsJuly2013.pdf>.

Visit the CDPH website to access other CA MDS 3.0 information at
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/LnC/Pages/MDS.aspx>.

Please contact Susana Belda, RAI Educational Coordinator for the Licensing and Certification (L&C) Program for any questions by email at mdsoasis@cdph.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 324-2362 or 1-800-236-9747. The L&C Program encourages you to continue sending your clinical and technical MDS 3.0 inquiries to the above email address.

Sincerely,

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